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For : MODULAR REARVIEW MIRROR ASSEMBLY
INCLUDING AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend their application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace lines 3-5 with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of co-pending application Ser. No. 09/477,539, filed Jan. 4, 2000, by Niall R. Lynam, Desmond J. O'Farrell, and Roger L. Veldman, entitled MODULAR REARVIEW MIRROR ASSEMBLY INCLUDING AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE, which is a divisional application of application Ser. No. 08/702,228, filed on August 23, 1996, by Niall R. Lynam, Desmond J. O'Farrell, and Roger L. Veldman, entitled MODULAR REARVIEW MIRROR ASSEMBLY INCLUDING AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,019,475, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/316,047 entitled MODULAR VARIABLE REFLECTANCE MIRROR ASSEMBLY and filed on September 30, 1994.

On page 1, lines 10-28 and page 2, lines 1-7, please replace with the following paragraph:

Conventional exterior rearview assemblies include a mirror housing and a reflective element supported in the housing by a mirror actuator for engaging the reflective element for adjusting the reflective element's orientation. Typically, the mirror actuator is controlled either manually by a lever inside the vehicle or electrically by a switch inside the vehicle. In recent developments, mirror assemblies may include mirror actuators responsive to memory devices that store multiple positions for the mirror assembly's reflective element, such as